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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated December 12, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** appears on page 5 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this response.